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## EMASCULATING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES PLAN

The latest proposition in connection with the public utilities question, is to "draw its teeth" in advance. It is proposed to authorize the commission to hear complaints as to service and rates but to stipulate that it shall not be invested with power to either change the details of service or to fix rates. This would practically deprive the commission of the powers most urgently desired by the people. It would, however, leave the prevention of "stock watering" in the commission's hands, a very important power which would prevent the imposition of higher rates in order to pay dividends on "wind and water."

But the power of compelling the reduction of overhead rates is far too important to the people to be lightly cast aside, as proposed. Limitation of the commission's function to the hearing of complaints, with no power of rendering decision after the taking of evidence, seems rankly absurd. It is no satisfaction to be assured that the commission may report its findings to the Governor or the General Assembly. What the people want, is relief—not the mere pouring of their grievances into the ears of a powerless commission. That there are extortionate charges being made by more or less public service corporations, is unquestionably a fact; of what benefit would it be to prove that fact if there is no available remedy?

The proposition under discussion looks very like an attempt to emasculate the public utilities commission into almost complete ineffectiveness. Not daring to reject a plan so strongly supported by public sentiment, the evident scheme is to "draw its teeth" and then toss it as a sop to the popular whale. Forebodings of the intention of the presiding officers of the Senate and House in the construction of the special committee, indicate that this scheme is "in the works," and that the committee will be so constituted as to carry it into effect.

It is dangerous to thus juggle with the people. Abraham Lincoln once referred to attempted defecation of the people as unlikely to be successful all the time, and we commend his statement to the attention of the jugglers.

The Overman tariff amendment "reaches the sore spot." It provides that when a concern produces 50 per cent. of any article, sells at lower prices abroad than here, and exacts exorbitant prices here, the President may suspend its tariff protection and thus compel a reduction of its home prices. It is not at all likely that a Republican Congress will allow this amendment to be incorporated in the new tariff law; its protection would be extended the wrong way—that is, it would protect the American people from extortion.

Delay in Senate action upon the tariff bill is now attributed to the Republican "insurgents." Both Democrats and regular Republicans are willing to take an early vote, but the Republican Senators from the Middle West are greatly dissatisfied with the measure as framed by the Finance committee and are advocating many amendments, all in the direction of lower duties. Very grudgingly a small point is occasionally conceded to them for the Middle West is too large and important a section to be arbitrarily snubbed, and its demand for tariff revision downward is too important to be slighted with safety.

When it was proposed that the Senate levy a tariff duty of 25 cents a ton on iron ore, Senator Nelson of Minnesota said: "I come from a state which produces more than half the iron ore of the country, and yet our people are not standpaters on that question. We are content with a reduction from 40 cents to 25 cents a ton, and we would be content even if ore was put on the free list."

Senator Nelson and his constituents are evidently aware that the Steel Trust obtains most of its ore from Minnesota, and that the wages of its miners are not in the least influenced by the tariff. The duty merely increases the price of pig iron to the trust's customers, from whom this increased cost passes on down to the purchasers of the finished iron or steel article. Only one interest is benefited, the trust which mines the ore.

leaders; they greatly fear that it would lessen their power by giving the private a voice in party affairs. Controlling the party now, they do not desire to take any chances on a change—they believe in "letting well enough alone." The direct primary might occasionally bulk the efforts of the town bosses to carry out the orders of the state machine as filtered through the county bosses. Naturally, the bosses, both big and little, object, lest Othello's occupation—perhaps his political revenue, also—be gone.

The new British patent act of 1907 provides that, in order to retain his patent rights in Great Britain, the patentee must either manufacture the patented article in the United Kingdom to an extent which the law deems adequate, or else he must furnish satisfactory reasons why this is not done. The Controller-General of Patents decides the question of what may constitute an adequate manufacture. He has revoked the patent of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford in the United Kingdom, affecting rim locks. Commenting upon this decision, the Hartford Times says:

The decision in the Yale & Towne case makes it evident that the authorities intend to follow a policy of rigid construction. In Canada, where a similar law obtains, the interpretation is so broad that United States manufacturers who have taken out patents in the Dominion are not seriously embarrassed. The new British patent act, in view of the strict interpretation which is being put upon its provisions, is a most important piece of industrial and economic legislation. It involves a policy of indirect protection. It is designed to force foreign patentees to engage in manufacturing operations in the United Kingdom. It carries a menace, perhaps not serious, but a menace nevertheless—to the industrial activities of the United States.

The American manufacturer who enjoys any considerable trade in patented articles with Great Britain, must not only establish a branch factory there but must therein manufacture an "adequate" quantity, a phrase capable of such interpretation as may transfer much employment from this country to the United Kingdom.

## STRATFORD

Robert Fairchild—Check from Mrs. Woods—Cost of Graduating—Coming Decoration Day—That Tailor—Potluck Dances—Local Notes.

A few days since George S. Goddard, State Librarian of the Connecticut State Library at Hartford, wrote a letter to Miss Frances B. Russell, to the effect that Robert Fairchild of Stratford, a delegate to the 18th Constitutional convention, and was one of the clerks who signed the proceedings and the official copy of the constitution. It so happened that Miss Russell had in the library a number of manuscripts from the pen of Mr. Fairchild, and she was able to send to Mr. Goddard a genuine autograph.

A day or two since Mrs. J. A. Woods of Stratford avenue, endorsing the stand taken by Father O'Connor for the preservation of the Sabbath and the upholding of law and order, sent him her personal check for \$5 to toward the building fund of the church. As the days for graduating exercises at high schools and colleges are fast approaching, it may not prove uninteresting to learn what it costs a student of this town to graduate from Yale college in the year 1783. Robert Fairchild kept a minute account of his expenses in a memorandum which is preserved in the library. These are the articles he bought, and the prices paid for them that he might appear at state and receive his diploma: "To one hat, 18 shillings; one breast pin, 6 shillings; to cloth for coat, 60 shillings; for trousers, 15 shillings; to dove-colored satin for vest, 15 shillings, five pence; for silk gloves, 7 shillings 6 pence; for one cravat, 3 shillings 6 pence; one pocket square, 1 shilling 10 pence; one ditto, 3 shillings and 6 pence; knee buckles, 14 shillings; silk stockings, 20 shillings; one pair of shoes, 14 shillings; 14 buttons, large, for coat, 12 shillings; 8 small buttons for coat, 6 shillings; shoes, 10 and 6 pence; one piece of Nankin, 9 shillings.

There are about 75 graves of veterans of the Civil War in this town and Putney to be decorated on Decoration Day. To this end J. W. Thompson has purchased 75 flags and they will be placed on the graves of a Sunday morning. If a speaker can be obtained for the occasion, there will be exercises at the foot of the Soldiers' Monument on Academy Hill.

Mr. Conline of the famous nurseries here yesterday sent a large consignment of ornamental trees to Hon. G. W. Wickham for his place at Cedarhurst, N. Y.

Mr. J. J. Lewis, who was fined for abusive language to Mrs. Butler was named Sam. Grindrod. He appealed his case under \$5000.

The dance for the season at the Potluck club will occur on the first of this month; the 11th and 25th of June, the 5th, 19th and 23rd of July; August 6, 13, 20 and 27th and the last one is set down for Sept. 6.

fell into the water at Fresh Pond, while fishing on Sunday morning, and supposed to have had a fit of some sort, since 5 minutes before the accident, he was seen standing by the brink of the pond. When found his body was still warm.

## FAIRFIELD

Some Local Gossip—Mrs. Murray—Men Laid Off—The Old Glover Place—Chautauqua Social—Interesting Local Items.

There have been from some time persistent rumors in town to the effect that Mrs. Agnes Murray, who owns an estate next to the famous Bronson place on Greenfield Hill, has been the loser of a large sum of money, said to be \$30,000 by an employee who had charge of her place, and who had the power of attorney to pay bills, etc. An attempt to verify these rumors some weeks ago led to the conclusion that they had no authentic foundation in fact, or that they are at least greatly exaggerated. Who is responsible for the stories it would be hard to say. But they continue to be repeated, and the latest tale is that the man in question, who paid the workmen on the Murray place, not only secured a large sum of money, but put a mortgage on one of the pieces of real estate, and finally was heard from in New Orleans, and it is now affirmed that he is broke in that city and recently wrote to a man in Fairfield asking for \$10. This may or may not be romance, and is by no means vouched for, and is a sample of the current gossip of the day.

Mrs. Murray comes of an old and well known family of New York city from her mother's side. She is a widow and has not lived in town for a year or two, and is represented as being upwards of 80 years of age, almost blind, and residing at the Wingham hotel in New York. She is reputed to be very wealthy and not long since disposed of a piece of real estate near the Manhattan hotel for the sum so stated of \$377,000. She owns altogether not far from 60 acres of land in various sections of the Greenfield Hill district. The home place said to be a planted 14 acres. Two or three weeks ago one of her nephews, a Mr. Murray of New York, visited town, and rode over to the place, taking a sort of inventory of his aunt's property. He is understood to be a lawyer. He did not mention while in town that there had been any embezzlement or misuse of funds.

Yesterday the old stories were again rife, and it was asserted that "lawyers" had been looking up the place, and that a well known yellow journal of New York had sent on a reporter, who was hunting for a sensational story. All of which makes up a part of the current so-called news of the day.

While a number of men have been laid off at the aluminum foundry for a while, said to be anywhere from 15 to 20, it is asserted that the action is only temporary for the purpose of meeting an emergency. No permanent work is expected in the future, for which orders have already been given, and the material is on hand for their execution but the patterns have not arrived, and while these are being prepared, the rumor is that the men have been given a vacation.

A visit yesterday to the old Glover place, so-called, on the Shore road, opposite the house of Mr. Samuel Glover, and now occupied by Mr. Byron Eddy and his family, revealed the fact that he has transformed the old mansion into a very attractive home since he purchased the place last fall. The house is perhaps 150 years old, and as the fashion was, is built around a large central chimney. It contains 22 closets, which give it rank with the Sherman place. The house has 60 closets. Many of these closets are clustered about the big chimney. The rooms are large and airy, and have been redecorated until the effect is very cozy and charming. The doors are hung with hinges wrought by hand at some blacksmith's shop, and the lockers made by hand on Greenfield Hill. The floors are laid with thick and wide oak planks, and the marks of the hand having who thought it cost a great deal of wood; can be seen on some of the doors. Mr. Eddy has a large garden which extends to the Jennings estate. He is filling this with a large variety of flowers and small fruits, and shrubbery. Altogether it would be hard to find a more attractive home of the old style which suggests this in comfort and domestic desirability.

The last social of the Chautauqua Circle for the season, was held at the home of Deaconess P. Wickham. This circle has met every fortnight during the winter for the study of a regular Chautauqua course. The entertainment was given by three members of the circle—Mrs. H. C. Bullard of Bridgeport, Mrs. Andrew S., and Mrs. J. Howard Wakeman. Mrs. Bullard sang 4 solos; Mrs. Andrew Wakeman gave 3 piano selections, and Mrs. Howard Wakeman rendered a number of humorous recitations. Refreshments were served.

Sunday on Sedat's field, the Stars played the Stratford team, winning 18 to 6. McGarry pitched for the Stars. The Stars will have a new home on the beach road, which Mr. Dalling is putting in condition while Mr. Jo. Reed is erecting the benches.

There is talk in town of organizing a chapter of the Knights of Columbus and Major Flynn has been down to look the ground over.

Mr. Leonard Kowalski has sent his bunch of trotters to Tashua Hill for the season.

Mr. Grover Reed recently met with quite a severe accident, a circular saw taking a chunk of flesh out of one of his arms. He is improving since the wound was dressed.

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## Fairfield County News.

**Caught Large Trout.**  
Bradford Knapp of Stamford, caught a trout, Friday, that measured 16 inches long and weighed 1 pound 10 ounces. Mr. Knapp believes this to be a record for this season. The fish was caught in the Mianus river.

**Danbury Post Office.**  
The Danbury public building site matter is up in the air as a result of the refusal of the railroad company to name a price on the old station site. The Business Men's Association favored this location and it was believed options could be secured on the property. This was found impossible, however, and the offer was withdrawn.

**Bond Issue Sold.**  
The \$40,000 bond issue of the borough of Bethel, for the purpose of building a new reservoir at Wolf Swamp, has been sold at four per cent. par.

**Object to Distillery.**  
The fruit brandy distilling plant run by S. Blustein in Stamford seems to have aroused the ire of the residents in the neighborhood. It consists of a converted barn, having on the ground floor a boiler and the distilling apparatus, and in the over two huge vats. These vats are used in preparing fruit for distilling. The liquor produced is 140 proof and is made at the rate of 200 gallons per month. The stuff is shipped East, where it is refined and reduced to drinking strength. Mr. Blustein claims that the distillery is operated only in the daytime, and never later than 7 p. m., and further claims that the business cannot be carried on outside of the city limits, first, because sewerage connections are necessary, and second, because the revenue officers would not go into the woods to make their periodical inspections. On the other hand, the neighbors claim that the plant is operated at all hours of the day and night. Mrs. W. D. Church claims that the gas fumes have made her ill, and it is impossible that her windows remain open because of that and the coal dust which gets in everywhere.

**Death from Lockjaw.**  
Thomas Walker, a farm hand, who was hurried to the Norwalk hospital, April 17, with a torn scalp, the result of being dragged along the highway by the team he was driving, in South Wilton, died Tuesday from lockjaw. The disease resulted from the wound to the man's scalp.

**Fined \$25.**  
A young man named Dolge, from Westport, came to Darien last week with an automobile case against him tried by Justice William H. Willmott, Jr. Dolge was arrested on a charge that he had not sounded a warning signal at the railroad bridge. The justice adjudged him guilty and imposed a \$25 fine. An appeal was taken. Bond was fixed at \$200 and it was furnished.

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In Federal Court

Juneau, May 18.—The United States revenue cutter Rush has arrived from Sitka with the Captain and crew of the Japanese sailing schooner Kaisei, which was seized in Redoubt Bay on May 4 for cruising within the three-mile limit. The alleged poachers were taken to the Federal jail. The skins seized on the schooner will be held pending a jury's verdict.

All the evidence against the Japanese is the testimony of a number of Indians who told the authorities that they discovered the Japanese schooner inside the fishing limits.

## Sargents Ordered

To Stand Trial

Paris, May 18.—The Examining Magistrate has concluded his investigation into the charges made against Cecil H. Sargent, an Englishman, and his wife, an American, of ill-treating four adopted children, and has ordered the Sargents to stand trial before the Correctional Court.

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